

## **Erasmus Policy Statement**

The Strategy for international activities at Business Academy Aarhus (BAA), amongst others, is to develop the international competences of both students and employees.

BAA is in an ongoing process of to improve the possibilities for its staff and students to enhance their possibilities of gaining international experience. This is implemented through already established programmes, e.g. Erasmus. At present, we are in the process of extending our focus on the Erasmus Programme, as we wish to bring in more partner institutions in order to increase the possibilities for exchange for staff and students.

Specifically within the Erasmus Programme, BAA has experience with the aspects of mobility, i.e. sending out and taking in students and teachers, as well as students doing their work placement abroad. The aspect of preparatory visits has been applied, and finally, BAA is looking into the possibility of establishing multilateral projects.

## **Quality of Academic Mobility Activities**

Incoming and outgoing exchange students need to fill in a learning agreement stating the names of the courses the students intend to take, as well as the ECTS that the students will obtain from the exchange. The learning agreement must be signed by the receiving institution, the sending institution and the student in order for it to be valid. Academic staff makes sure that credits for the courses studied abroad can be transferred to their Danish study programme.

The admission of incoming students is the responsibility of the International Department and the student counsellor at BAA. The social integration of incoming students is a high priority as this is the foundation of a successful stay. From the first contact between the student and BAA an ongoing dialogue is implemented, providing the student with all necessary information regarding practical details.

BAA has an agreement with the central dormitory office in Aarhus (Kollegiekontoret) providing BAA with first mover advantage for incoming exchange students, i.e. exchange students are normally guaranteed a dormitory room.

Incoming students can sign up for Danish language lessons free of charge; however, their studies at BAA must be carried out in English at one of our international programmes.

In terms of teacher mobility, agreements with partner institutions secure out-going teachers full credit for their stays. BAA has a development contract with the Danish Ministry of Education, and part of this contract is the issue of staff mobility.

Incoming teachers and students are integrated into the relevant teaching and student groups.